

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated Nov. 10, 2003. Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are currently pending in the application. Claim 11 is allowed. Claims 1-3 and 8-10 have been rejected. Claims 4-7 and 11-16 are now amended.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to claim 12-16 as having insufficient antecedent basis. Claims 12-16 are hereby amended to provide antecedent basis, as required by the Examiner.

The Examiner states that claims 4-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4-7 are hereby amended in independent form, as required by the Examiner. It is believed that independent claims 4-7 are allowable as amended.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 8 as being anticipated by Fasulo et al. The rejection is overcome by cancelling claims 1 and 8.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 2, 3, 9, and 10 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The rejections are overcome by cancelling claims 2, 3, 9, and 10.

It is believed that all of the matters raised by the Examiner are overcome and that all of the claims are both novel and inventive. No new matter is added by the present amendments.

An identical copy of the application with appropriate margins is attached.

Early allowance of the application is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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